

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report June 19, 2007

**Section: Southeastern**

## Section Officers

Director: Curt Sexton  
Alt. Director: Don Woodward  
Chair: Don Woodyard  
Vice Chair: Brian Markowicz  
Secretary: Ricky Harrison  
Treasurer: Ricky Harrison

## Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1  
Number of section members: 54  
Average attendance at section meetings: 20-30 (Business Meeting attendance)  
Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate  
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
 Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour  Workshop   
 Other

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## Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location  
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting  
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters  
 Poor attendance at section meetings  
 Difficulty in finding section officers  
 Difficulty in collecting Dues

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**Additional Comments** (use additional sheet if necessary):

The ASGS-SE 2007 spring meeting was held at the Hotel Aiken at Aiken South Carolina hosted by Curt Sexton. This celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Southeastern Section of its charter that was in March of 1957.

On Friday we visited the Savannah River Site. (SRS) is a key department of Energy (DOE) industrial complex responsible for stewardship of the environment, the enduring nuclear weapons stockpile and nuclear materials. More specifically, SRS processes and stores nuclear materials in support of the national defense and U.S nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The site also develops and deploys technologies to improve the environment and treat nuclear and hazardous wastes left from the Cold War.

The SRS complex covers 198,344 acres, or 310 square miles, encompassing parts of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties in South Carolina, bordering the Savannah River.

The site is owned by DOE and operated by an integrated team of companies led by Washington Savannah River Company, a subsidiary of Washington Group International.

Our tour was of the Defense Waste Processing Facility of the SRS. The facility is the largest radioactive waste glassification plant in the world; the Defense Waste Processing

Facility converts the radioactive liquid into a solid glass form suitable for long-term storage and disposal.

After our tour we visited with our supporting vendors to discuss new products and were given updated catalogs

On Saturday we had our annual business meeting, and then we went to Southeastern Lab. Apparatus, Inc. Glass Shop for a tour and demonstration by our fellow glassblowers. Thanks to Sonny Godwin for the use of his shop. And to Sonny Godwin and Ronnie Hammett for providing everyone with a Bar-B-Q lunch. "It was great."  
We ended the evening with our annual banquet.

Thanks to our Vendors – Ace Glass Inc., Chemglass, Quartz Scientific, Friedrich & Dimmock, G M & Associates, Southeastern Laboratory Apparatus, Technical Glass Products, Wilmad/Labglass, VM Glass Co., Wale Apparatus Co. Inc., Wilt Industries Inc., Washington Group International, and to our hosts Curt Sexton for a great 2007 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William C. Sexton  
Director Southeastern Section